



June 7, 2013

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Re: Comments on List of Candidates for Science Advisory Board Panel to Review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters

Dear Dr. Armitage:

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) submits the following comments on the List of Candidates posted on the Science Advisory Board's ("SAB") website to be considered for the SAB Panel to review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters. ("Draft Report"). Farm Bureau is the nation's largest farm organization, representing producers of virtually every commodity, in every state of the nation as well as Puerto Rico. We represent nearly 6 million member families.

Farm Bureau appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the members of this very important panel. AFBF urges the SAB to select experts with significant technical and in-the-field experience. The Draft Report has wide ranging implications for many sectors of our nation's economy and AFBF, including determining how the agencies will identify waters to be protected under the Clean Water Act. Moreover, EPA has indicated that it will rely on the Draft Report, once finalized, in the field. Therefore, it is of critical importance that the panel be well positioned to evaluate the impact of the conclusions and analysis contained in the Draft Report as they will play out on the ground.

Farm Bureau recommends the following individuals for selection to the SAB panel:

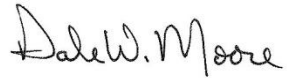
- (1) Dr. Michael Josselyn
- (2) Mr. Frank Corkhill
- (3) Mr. Tony Bomkamp
- (4) Mr. Ben Parkhurst
- (5) Mr. Mark Murphy

(6) Mr. Kenneth Passarella

(7) Mr. Robert Pierce

Thank you for considering these comments. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale W. Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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